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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MEDICAL VALVE AND METHOD OF USE; the specification of which was filed on November 4, 1994 as Application Serial No. 08/334,846.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

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